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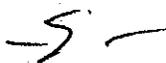
Dear Mr. Jasper:

Pursuant to Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently reviewing your agency's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Lake Columbia Regional Water Supply Reservoir Project, Cherokee and Smith Counties, Texas.

We understand that the comment period on the DEIS ends on Monday, April 5, 2010. However, due to the complexity of the subject matter, and to assure consistency in the NEPA Section 309 and Section 404 Clean Water Act review process, we do not have sufficient time to complete a thorough, coordinated, and comprehensive review of the document and meet your deadline. Therefore, we request EPA be granted a (21) day extension of the comment period ending Monday, April 26, 2010.

We hope this delay has not inconvenienced you; however, the additional time is warranted to assure that the environmental assessment requirements are adequately satisfied. If you have any questions, please call Mike Jansky of my staff at 214-665-7451 or e-mail him at jansky.michael@epa.gov for further assistance.

Sincerely yours,



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